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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the specification paragraph inserted at the time of filing at page 1, line 1 as follows.

~~European Patent Publication Nos. EP-A-1300093 and EP-A-1300094 are hereby incorporated by reference for any purpose.~~

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A slider as claimed in claim ~~4~~ 7, wherein the latch body portion includes a resilient latching member which is resiliently deformed on engagement and disengagement with the co-operating slider.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A slider as claimed in claim ~~4~~ 7, wherein ~~the latch body~~ said latch body portion is connected to the slider body portion by a form locking connection.

5. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A slider ~~as claimed in claim 6~~ for a slide fastener, the slider comprising:

a member for latching the slider to a co-operating slider,

a slider body portion which is slidable over elements of a slide fastener to engage and disengage the elements, and

a latch body portion integrally formed with the latching member, the latch body portion being removably mounted on the slider body portion,

wherein the slider body portion has a crown for receiving a puller, the crown being mounted at one end on a surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion co-operating with the crown to hold the latch body portion on the slider body portion,

wherein the latch body portion engages with the crown at the said one end,

wherein the other end of the crown is spaced from the surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion is sandwiched between the other end of the crown and the surface of the latch body portion.

8. (Previously Presented) A slider as claimed in claim 7, wherein the other end of the crown engages in a recess in the latch body portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A slider as claimed in claim ~~4~~ 7, wherein the slider body portion is integrally formed.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) In combination, a slider ~~as claimed in claim 1~~, and a co-operating slider, the slider comprising:

a member for latching the slider to a co-operating slider,

a slider body portion which is slidable over elements of a slide fastener to engage and disengage the elements, and

a latch body portion integrally formed with the latching member, the latch body portion being removably mounted on the slider body portion,

wherein the slider body portion has a crown for receiving a puller, the crown being mounted at one end on a surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion co-operating with the crown to hold the latch body portion on the slider body portion,

wherein the latch body portion engages with the crown at the said one end,

wherein the other end of the crown is spaced from the surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion is sandwiched between the other end of the crown and the surface of the latch body portion; and

the co-operating slider having a slide body portion and a separately formed slide latch body portion for co-operating with the ~~other~~ latch body portion.

12. (Previously Presented) A slide fastener comprising:

a first slider and a second slider arranged to be slidable on a pair of interlocking stringers so as to open the fastener when separated and close the fastener when brought together;

a first receiving portion disposed on the first slider;

a first resilient latching member disposed on the second slider and engageable with the first receiving portion;

a second receiving portion disposed on one of the sliders; and

a second resilient latching member disposed on the other of the sliders and engageable with the second receiving portion;

wherein the first and second receiving portions are arranged to engage with the first and second latching members respectively, to releasably latch the first and second sliders together, and the latching members and receiving portions are arranged to be disengaged by lateral movement of the latching members, to unlatch the first and second sliders; and

wherein one of the first or second sliders comprises a slider body portion slidable on the stringers and a latch body portion integrally formed with the first or second latching member, the latch body portion being formed separately from and removably attached to the slider body portion.

13. (Original) A slide fastener according to claim 12, further comprising:

a lead member on one of sliders;

a guide portion on the other slider, the guide portion arranged to guide the lead member when the first and second sliders are brought together, wherein the lead member and guide portion align the first and second sliders and inhibit lateral movement therebetween.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A slide fastener according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the sliders is formed as an integral single piece.

16. (Canceled)

17. – 24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A slider for a slide fastener, the slider having a slider body portion which is slidable over elements of a slide fastener to engage and disengage the elements, and a surface body portion mounted on an upper surface of the slider body portion, the slider body portion having a crown for receiving a puller, the crown being mounted at one end on a surface of the slider body portion, and the surface body portion co-operates with the crown to hold the surface body portion on the slider body portion, the surface body portion being adapted to grip the crown at the one end, the other end of the crown being spaced from the surface of the slider body portion, the surface body portion being sandwiched between the other end of the crown and the surface of the surface body portion, and the other end of the crown engages in a recess in the surface body portion.

27. (Previously Presented) The slider of claim 26, wherein the surface body portion is removably mounted on an upper surface of the slider body portion.

28. (Previously Presented) The slider of claim 27, wherein the surface body portion is decorative.

29. (Previously Presented) A slider for a slide fastener, comprising:
a slider member for latching to a co-operating slider,
a slider body portion which is slidable over elements of a slide fastener to engage and disengage the elements,
a latch body portion incorporating the latching member, the latch body portion being mounted on the slider body portion, the latch body portion including a resilient latching member which is resiliently deformed on engagement and disengagement with the co-operating slider,

wherein the slider body portion has a crown for receiving a puller, the crown being mounted at one end on a surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion co-operating with the crown to hold the latch body portion on the slider body portion,

wherein the latch body portion engages with the crown at the said one end.

wherein the other end of the crown is spaced from the surface of the slider body portion, and the latch body portion being sandwiched between the other end of the crown and the surface of the latch body portion, and

wherein the other end of the crown engages in a recess in the latch body portion.

30. (Previously Presented) The slider of claim 29, wherein the latch body portion is integrally formed with the latching member, the latch body portion being removably mounted on the slider body portion.

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005.

Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11 are amended, claims 1, 5-6 and 17-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; as a result, claims 2, 4, 7-9, 11-13, 15, and 26-30 now pending in this application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file further applications directed to any eligible subject matter.

The specification is amended to remove the paragraph incorporating related EP application in the present application to move the application to allowance.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 11 and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Nam et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,062,051). Applicant respectfully traverses and does not admit that the present rejection is correct or proper. Applicant cancels claims 1, 5-6 to move the application to allowance. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file further applications directed to the subject matter of these claims and any other subject matter of the specification.

Claim 11 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 7. Claim 11 now includes the subject matter of claim 7, which was indicated as allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12, 13, 15 and 26-30 were allowed.

Claims 7 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant rewrites claim 7 into independent form without narrowing the claim scope. Applicant further amends claims 2, 4, and 9 to depend from allowable claim 7.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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